

REMARKS

At the time the present Office Action was mailed (August 24, 2006) claims 1-35 were pending. In this response, claims 1, 10, 15, 19, 26, 31 and 33 have been amended. Claims 17, 18 and 32 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-16, 19-31 and 33-35 are currently pending.

In the August 24, 2006 Office Action, claims 29 and 30 were allowed, claim 32 was objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten to be in independent form, and claims 1-28, 31 and 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103 on the basis of U.S. Patent No. 6,466,235 to Smith et al. ("Smith").

The undersigned attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for engaging in a telephone interview on October 30, 2006. During the telephone interview, the Examiner agreed that claim 8 patentably defines over the applied reference and that the Section 102 rejection of claim 8 would be withdrawn. The Examiner indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to indicate that the operations information displayed over the second area of the display medium includes at least approximately the entire display area of the display medium. The Examiner further agreed that claims 10 and 15 would be allowable if amended in a generally similar manner. The Examiner agreed that claims 19, 26 and 33 would be allowable if amended to clarify that the claimed selector portions are manually rotatable. The undersigned attorney agreed to cancel claims 17 and 18 and to draft claim 32 in independent form.

Claims 1, 10, 15, 19, 26, 31 and 33 have been amended in the manners identified above, without commenting or conceding the merits of the Examiner's rejections, and in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, without prejudice to pursuing the original claims in a continuation or other application. Independent Claim 31 (from which claim 32 depends) has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 32. Accordingly, the

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outstanding rejections of the pending claims should be withdrawn and the case should proceed to issuance.

If the Examiner discovers any informalities or other matters that may be expediently handled by telephone, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 359-3257.

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